

FIRST PICTURES OF AMERICANS IN THE TRENCHES



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In the upper official British press photograph American soldiers are seen actually manning front line trenches on the western front. The lower picture shows wounded Americans being treated by one of their own hospital corps just behind the trenches.

Fireside Talks with Rev. Allen

on present day applications of the Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR MARCH 17TH

Lesson Title: "Jesus Sending Forth the Twelve."

Lesson Title: Mark 6:1-11.

Golden Text: "Freely ye received, freely give." Matthew 10:8.

I. Every Man at Work.

"How many missionaries have you on your station?" a bishop once asked a returned missionary.

"Three thousand," was the answer. "I did not ask how many converts you have, but how many missionaries," returned the bishop.

"I quite understood you, and again I reply, three thousand, for all our converts are missionaries."

Jesus sent out his twelve disciples two and two. There was power and help in companionship. They were also to be congratulated on having a specific task! How many church members today have any regular job assigned to them? I have a friend who is a missionary in China. He says they expect every Chinese Christian to preach somewhere in his own village. Imagine what a stir it would create if every church member in Ohio were to do a little preaching every week in his own town! My friend also tells a very interesting story about the methods of approaching a community where the name of Christ has never been heard. Let me tell you about it.

In the first place they make a scientific survey. They put 5,000 square miles in one section. There are no maps which show all the cities and villages. In his district there are 21 cities and towns shown on the best map, but there are actually over 6,000 cities and towns there. They select centers for Christian work which are about 30 miles apart, which gives each one a radius of 15 miles. One city of 65,000 inhabitants chosen as a center had 160 other cities and towns in the 15-mile radius. There was not a Christian of any sort known to the missionary in all this district!

Now two faithful Chinese Christians are chosen to go into the selected center. For months, perhaps years, they live there, getting acquainted, and after a while talking about their business. They show the similarity between the teaching of Christ and Confucius. They say, "Christ and Confucius are friends. But while Confucius says he knows nothing about God, Jesus tells us about God! Therefore, we come to bring His message!" By and by a little group of Christians is gathered. A meeting place is opened and called, "The Christian Preaching Hall." The missionary comes and calls on the leading men of the village. By the Chinese custom they are required to return the call, investigate the new business and learn its character. So the work opens!

II. "Freely Ye Have Received, Freely Give."

The Greek word which is translated "freely" does not mean the opposite of "stingily," but the opposite of "for pay." The apostles had not paid for their knowledge of Jesus and for their power of healing. It was given to them freely. In return they were asked to pass it on to others.

"It is always one's duty to make a return to others for whatever gifts one has received freely from God. 'What have we done?' some one represents, the priest and the Levite in the story of the Good Samaritan as asking in astonishment, 'What have

we done to be held up for the blame of the centuries in this way. We didn't hurt the poor fellow who had fallen among thieves. Indeed, we really pitied him as we passed by.' It is not what you did, but what you did not do, the Master is represented as replying, 'You might have helped him, but you did not.' They failed to give freely what they had freely received."

III. Report and Rest.

When the apostles finished their work they returned to Jesus and "told Him all things whatsoever they had done and whatsoever they had taught." How often do you report to headquarters. What incentive to right

service is given when we remember that we must all report at the Judgment Day?

Snakes in Her Home.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Testimony that a box containing about forty live, squirming, twisting, wriggling snakes was placed in the sitting room of the home of Mrs. Grace George by a sister of her husband, Fern George, now said to be in Chicago, obtained a divorce for her in superior court. Mrs. George alleged that her husband was guilty of cruel treatment.

Mrs. George, in her testimony, did not mention the snakes, but her mother did not hesitate to tell about them. Her son-in-law, she said, told her that his sister had arrived at his house to spend the winter, accompanied by her pet snakes. There were about forty of the reptiles.

Judge Clifford said that the snakes might constitute an element of cruelty if kept about the house and he thought that, with the other testimony to the effect that George had struck his wife and had a habit of breaking the dishes, constituted sufficient grounds for a divorce.

An electric cigar lighter has been invented which may be connected with a lamp socket in an automobile and used while a car is in motion.



On the Spur of the Moment

by Roy K. Moulton

SERVICE A LA CABARET.

He was an explorer, And he had just returned From a North Pole hunting trip, And he had lived on fried dog harness and sperm whale blubber and stewed buffalo robe for many months. He was an intelligent man, but very hungry. He had been up north a long time. He saw a very large restaurant advertising a cabaret. He thought he would go in and try a cabaret. He thought it was something to eat. He thought if he liked the first one he would try another. He went in and sat down and read off a fine program of eats to the waiter. Then they served him a Russian dance, direct from the imperial court, now defunct. Then they served him a negro delineation. Then they served him an Hawaiian number, with seaweed dressing. Then they served him a couple of grand opera selections. Then they served him a cakewalk. The hour was growing late and his food hadn't come and he was growing weaker every minute. He beckoned to the head waiter and asked about his food. "Food? My word!" exclaimed the head waiter, horrified. "You didn't expect that, did you?" "Certainly," gasped the explorer. "My dear sir," said the head waiter, "food is the only thing we do not serve with the meals." They carried the limp form to an ambulance.

ICE COLD BATH? THAT'S ALL BOSH.

When your particular suffraget shakes you by the shoulder or lets off a shotgun or beats on a tin pan or something and tells you it is time to get up and take your mornin's cold plunge, refer her to Professor Corsan of Iowa, and turn over and go to sleep. Professor Corsan is a gentleman, a scholar and a benefactor. After a careful study of the effects of the cold plunge in the morning he has come to the unalterable conclusion that "it's all bosh." It doesn't mean anything. It is as useless as the green sweater which the society woman knits for the admiral somewhere in the Atlantic. "Cut it out," he says.

MORE CAMOUFLAGE.

Man taking handful of cloves before re-entering the theater and joining his wife. Old man's darling, who has been left \$8,000,000, wearing an invisible mourning veil. Wearing overcoat tightly buttoned around neck to cover up birthday necktie picked out by wife.

A Colorado woman who has divorced three husbands has started on a long trip about the country. Probably she is looking for a safe and sane Fourth.

And in addition to all the other things we have done, France should remember that we gave her Jack Johnson—even before there was a thought of war.

There is nothing new under the sun. The whale gave up Jonah because he heard there was a law against hoarding food.

BEAUTIFUL SPOT IN BELGIUM RUINED BY THE TEUTONS



One can sympathize with this Belgian soldier as he gazes in sadness upon the ruin wrought by Hun arms in a devastated district of his beloved country.

Didn't Develop

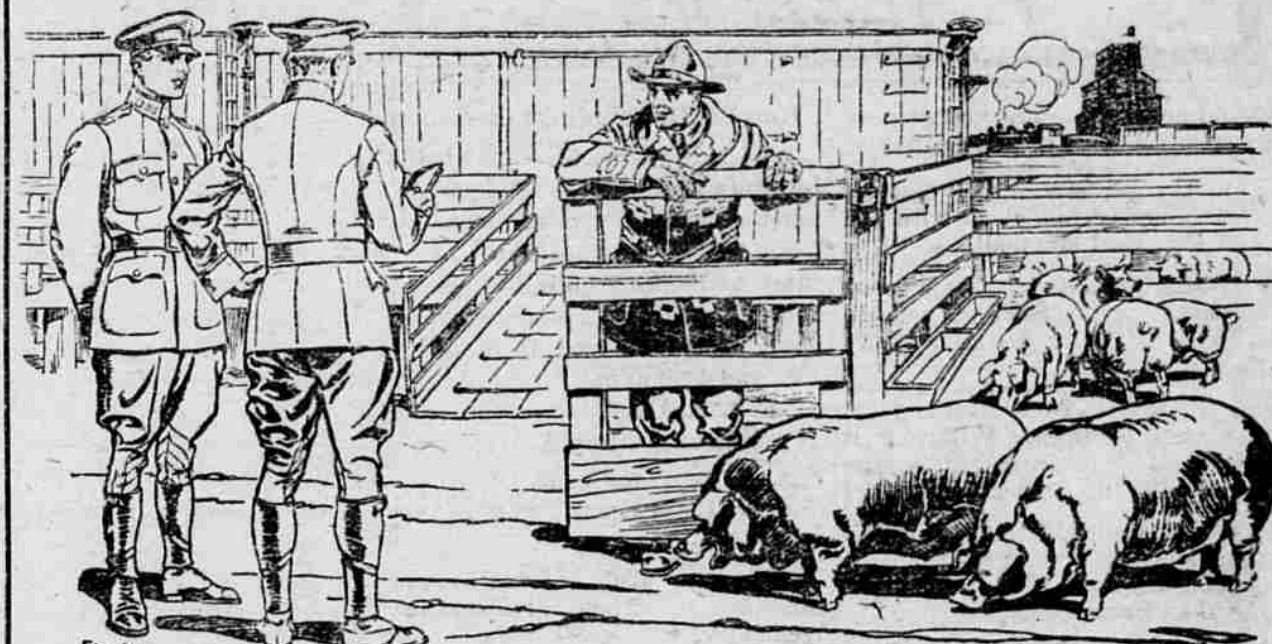
"Could I interest you in a little scheme to—?" began the persuasive caller.

"My dear sir," replied the busy man at the desk. "Time was when I could be easily interested in almost any little scheme but all I ever tackled seemed to suffer from the same complaint."

"And what was that?" "Retarded growth."

We are sending our soldiers "over there" by the thousands every week, but we cannot send them fast enough to be of much service immediately. It costs us fourteen times as much to place a soldier on the front in France as it does the German empire. Think of that for a minute and then you can see one of the handicaps we have to meet.—U. S. Food Administration.

There is little likelihood of starving Germany. She has long foreseen the necessity of producing enough feed within the empire to feed her people. The only thing that can be done is to force Germany to bring more of her forces back from the front and the munition factories and place them in productive labor.—U. S. Food Administration.



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Sawdust—hogs—and clothes

IT wouldn't be good business for you to try to fatten your hogs by mixing sawdust with the feed, would it? You could save some money by doing it. You might kill the hogs.

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